

Parents – How can you help your child reach their summer reading goal?

Are you aware that the best thing your child can do to offset the “summer slide” (losing learning over the summer) is to keep reading?

Each F.AVE student should have set at least one summer reading goal for themselves.

Their goal(s) is personal to them and should be something that they look forward to, not something that feels like homework. Ask your student to share their goal with you. If you are able, print their goal sheet and keep it on a bulletin board or refrigerator so it is visible all summer long.

What can a student’s goal(s) look like?

- **A number goal:** # of books, amount of time spent reading each day/week, etc.
- **A content goal:** read a certain book, series, or author, GA Book Award titles
- **Complete a local or online summer reading program:** Dekalb Public Library, Little Shop of Stories, Scholastic, much more (see [summer reading website](#) for links)
- **Ebook goal:** ebooks from F.AVE collection ([Sora](#) or [Destiny](#)) or from [eRead Kids](#) (public library card needed)
- Create a goal that is personal to that student only.

How can you support your child and keep them reading over the summer? See our list of suggestions below.

- Post summer reading goal at home on a family bulletin board or on the refrigerator. Students can find their goal in Google Drive/Classroom.
- Set your own goals for summer reading. Maybe even have a family goal! (Read *The Wild Robot* for the Decatur We Read Together program.)
- Sign your child up for a community summer reading program (see [summer reading website](#) for a list).
- Take your child to the public library when you can.
- Take books on summer road trips and vacations.
- Listen to audiobooks on those road trips (free audiobooks from DCPL).
- Put limits on your child’s screen time.
- Find a new book series that your child likes, so they have multiple books to be excited to read.
- Build reading into your child’s daily summer routine.
- Read the same books as your child so you can talk about them.
- Read aloud to your child. They are never too old for a good read aloud session!
- Remind your students to use the [F.AVE Summer Reading website](#) to check out or read eBooks, read news for kids, and find great summer reading recommendations! All login information is on the website.